

COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

I, ANCIL S. TAYLOR, JR. the below named sole inventor, declare that:

This declaration is of the following type:

original divisional continuation
 continuation-in-part (C-I-P) national stage of PCT

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; I verily believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below), or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below), of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

MAKE-UP WATER RE-CIRCULATION IN SLURRY PROCESSING UNIT

the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or of any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application Number(s)	Country	Foreign Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Priority Not Claimed	Certified Copy Attached? YES NO

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

Provisional Application Number(s)	Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Status

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 120 of any United States application(s), or 365(c) of any PCT international application designating the United States of America, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT international application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

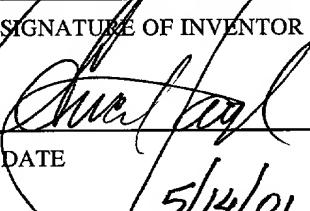
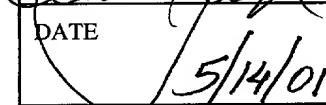
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TITLE OF INVENTION:

"MAKE-UP WATER RE-CIRCULATION IN SLURRY PROCESSING UNIT"

POWER OF ATTORNEY: I HEREBY APPOINT THE FOLLOWING ATTORNEY TO PROSECUTE THIS APPLICATION AND TRANSACT ALL BUSINESS IN THE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE CONNECTED THEREWITH:

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SMALL ENTITY
SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL
ENTITY STATUS (37 C.F.R. §1.9(f) and §1.27(c))--
SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN

I, Ancil S. Taylor, Jr.

hereby declare that I am

- the owner of the small business concern identified below:
- an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below:

NAME OF CONCERN C. F. Bean L.L.C.

ADDRESS OF CONCERN 1055 St. Charles Avenue, Suite 500
New Orleans, Louisiana 70130

I hereby declare that the above-identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 C.F.R. §121.3-18, and reproduced in 37 C.F.R. §1.9(d), for purposes of paying reduced fees under Section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when, either directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third-party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

I hereby declare that rights under license, contract or law have been acquired by or conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention entitled

"MAKE-UP WATER RE-CIRCULATION IN SLURRY PROCESSING UNIT"

by inventor Ancil S. Taylor, Jr.

as described in

the specification filed herewith.

the specification filed _____ under Serial No. _____.

Patent No. _____, issued _____.

If the rights held by the above-identified small business concern are not exclusive, each individual, concern or organization having rights to the invention is listed below and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who could not qualify as a small business concern under 37 C.F.R. §1.9(d) or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 C.F.R. §1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 C.F.R. §1.9(e).

no such person, concern or organization exists

any such person, concern or organization is identified below, if applicable:

Full Name _____

Address _____

_____ individual _____ small business concern

_____ nonprofit organization

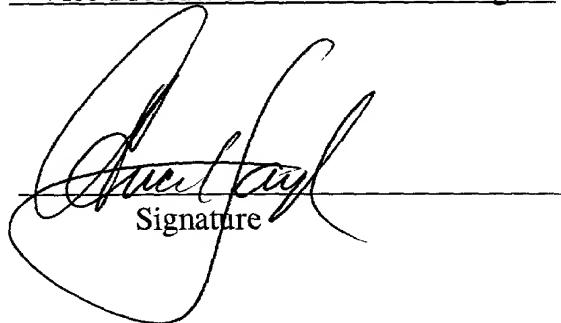
I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small business entity is no longer appropriate. (37 C.F.R. §1.28(b)).

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

TYPED NAME OF PERSON SIGNING Ancil S. Taylor, Jr.

TITLE OF PERSON OTHER THAN OWNER Vice President and General Manager

Date: 5/14/01



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ancil S. Taylor, Jr.", is enclosed within a large, roughly oval-shaped outline. Below the signature, the word "Signature" is printed in a small, sans-serif font.